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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 240

19 MARCH 1957

1. The following were present:

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Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
Lt. Col. D. H. Smith	Army
Maj. J. W. Jacobson	Army
Capt. R. E. Styles	Navy
LCdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
Col. Sam A. Carnes	Air Force
Lt. Col. H. K. Avery	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

2. NIS Outline Guides

The Committee approved a revised outline guide for Section 56 (Intelligence and Security) which is based on the contributor's proposal of 27 February 1957 as modified by a State proposal of 4 March 1957 and contributor's comments of 12 March 1957 (refer to Item 3 NCM 239).

The Committee approved revisions to portions of the outline guide for Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction) as submitted by the Army member on 5 March 1957 with the understanding that they would be brought into conformity with the language and format of the NIS Standard Instructions. With respect to changes in the outline guide for Subsection 64D (Aircraft Production), the Committee requested the State and Air Force members to work out a mutually satisfactory statement of requirement (refer to Item 3 NCM 239).

The chairman reported that the OBI staff had developed working samples of the proposed Section 22 and new Supplement on Coasts and Landing Beaches which were found acceptable by representatives of all interested agencies at a meeting held on 18 March 1957 (refer to Item 3 NCM 238). Revised outline guides are under preparation and will be sent to all members before the next meeting.

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3. Proposed Change in Supplement II Designation

The Committee discussed the feasibility of changing the designation of the inactive Supplement II "Air Facilities" to "Coasts and Landing Beaches" to accommodate the need for this new Supplement (refer to Item 3 NCM 237). A list of published Supplements II was handed to the members with the requirement to determine by the next meeting an alternative for the existing Supplements II on Alaska, Iceland, and Greenland on which no Chapters VIII have been produced. It was suggested that Sections 37 (Civil Air) on these areas could serve this purpose and, in the case of Iceland, a Chapter VIII might be produced to take care of the Air Facilities requirement. The chairman suggested that the existing Supplements II on these areas could be designated as Annexes to the existing Sections 37 until they were revised under the maintenance program.

4. Rescheduling of Section 56 on Iraq

The Committee approved the request of the Section 56 coordinator contained in memorandum of 11 March 1957 for the rescheduling of Section 56M (Intelligence and Security) on NIS 30 (Iraq) from February 1957 to February 1958. In approving this request, the Committee noted that thirteen Sections 56 remain as a production requirement on the current schedule.

5. Requirements for NIS on the Middle East

The Navy member said that ONI had a priority requirement for comprehensive basic intelligence on the Middle East. He felt the NIS should be used for this purpose and suggested that existing gaps in the published NIS on these areas be scheduled for production by next year. The members agreed to examine this matter with respect to their agencies' capabilities and to discuss it further at the next meeting.

6. Other Matters

a. The chairman reported that the Chapter I Task Group had reviewed proposed changes in the draft of Section 11 on NIS 39A (Communist China) with State representatives and agreed to certain modifications which improved the draft, but which did not affect its general provisions as approved by the NIS Committee (refer to Item 2 of NCM 239).

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b. The Committee approved the release of the Annex to Section 60 (Economy of the Ryukyu and Bonin Islands) on NIS 45 (Japan) to the Department of Commerce pursuant to letter of justification dated 8 February 1957.

c. The State member presented to the Committee a sample draft which contained in summary form the nature, purpose, and scope of the NIS Program and the NIS Section outlines. He said he would like to see this developed as an unclassified document ("For Official Use Only") for ready desk use at overseas posts and elsewhere in government as a handy reference guide for potential NIS users. The chairman agreed to review the draft from a security viewpoint before further Committee discussion.

d. The State member raised the question of marking NIS economic statistical tables derived from unclassified sources "Unclassified when used separately from the NIS". He pointed out that State receives numerous requests for unclassified use of such tables and would like to see his suggestion approved by the Committee. The chairman said he would take the matter under consideration but observed that State could make these statistics available through other information media. He also noted that individual classification of NIS items apart from the general classification of the section was contrary to the fundamental policy position of the NIS Committee in continuing support of which there is an abundance of documentary evidence throughout reports of previous Committee meetings.

7. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 2 April 1957.

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